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- 10. (Previously Presented) A semiconductor device according to claim 6, wherein the second layer of gate material consists of polycrystalline gate material.
- 11. (Previously Presented) A semiconductor device according to claim 6, wherein the grain size in the second layer is below about 40 nm.
- 12. (Original) A semiconductor device according to claim 6, wherein the first layer is crystalline or very fine-grained, with grains below 5 nm.
- 13. (Previously Presented) A semiconductor device according to claim 6, wherein a gate insulator is provided between the semiconductor substrate and the gate electrode.
- 14. (Original) A semiconductor device according to claim 6, wherein the device is a transistor.
- 15. (Cancelled)
- 16. (Cancelled)
- 17. (Previously Presented) A semiconductor device according to claim 6, wherein the first layer of activated crystalline gate material has a doping level of about 5×10^{20} ions/cm³ or higher.
- 18. (Currently Amended) An MIS type semiconductor device according to claim 6, wherein the a doping implant in the activated gate material has an abruptness of a doping profile of about 1.5 nm or more.
- 19. (Currently Amended) An MIS type semiconductor device according to claim 6, wherein the a doping implant in the activated gate material has an abruptness of a doping profile of about 1 nm.

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20. (Previously Presented) A semiconductor device according to claim 6, wherein the grain size in the second layer is below about 30 nm.